

RAVEN FOUNDATION ESSAY CONTEST

Dear COV&R members,

If you enjoy explaining mimetic theory to family and friends, then this contest is for you. The Raven Foundation is looking for people proficient in mimetic theory to communicate the theme of the 2010 COV&R conference, “Transforming Violence: Cult, Culture, and Acculturation” to a variety of media outlets in the language of pop culture. Winning essays will be posted on the Raven Foundation website and used to promote the conference. Submissions will be accepted from 1 September 2009 through midnight CT, **1 February 2010**.

Essays must be written in English, must not exceed 2,000 words and must be submitted electronically.

(PDF files are preferred.) The judging standards are:

- Rigorous representation of mimetic theory
- Creative use of the images and idiom of popular culture
- Clarity of the connection between theory and practical application
- Relevance to contemporary life
- Accessibility of language and presentation style

The author of the First Place essay will be awarded travel expenses to the 2010 COV&R conference in Notre Dame, Indiana USA, (not to exceed \$1,000) plus registration and accommodations. The authors of the two Honorable Mention essays will receive registration and accommodations for the conference.

All three papers will be presented together at a panel during a conference session.

To submit your essay or to read the contest rules, terms and conditions, please visit:

www.ravenfoundation.org

We eagerly anticipate reading your essays.

*Suzanne and Keith Ross
Founders of The Raven Foundation*